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1. The headquarters of the Coastal Brigade is at Durres. This Brigade, which comes under the Ministry of Interior,¹ takes over the functions of the Sigurimi (Security) Brigade (sic) and the R. K. (Frontier Guard) for the coastal region.
2. A regiment of the Coastal Brigade is based at Vlone and is commanded by Captain 1st class Gani Vajza, who has his headquarters at the Vlone Sigurimi office. The regiment has a strength of approximately 2,000 men and is composed of infantry troops only, who are known as "Coastal Specials" (Speciale Bregdetare).
3. Coastal Brigade troops are distributed in force along the Karaburun peninsula and the Keravnia mountain to the south. The higher slopes of the mountain, particularly on the eastern side, are patrolled, as well as the plain to the south of Vlone Bay and the main road from Vlone to the south. However, the actual sea coast is not occupied by these troops except for the fixed guard posts. These posts are known to exist at the following points: L.845345, L.865295, L.905235, and L.935205.
4. There are also 160 Coastal Brigade troops stationed in the village of Dukat, because of its strongly anti-regime reputation. They function as Security forces, although actual arrests are made by the Police.
5. The Coastal Regiment of Vlone does not control artillery.

1. Comment: Presumably under the direct jurisdiction of the Border-Coastal Command.

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